

bonds is outstanding or unpaid, there is appropriated out of the first money coming into the state treasury in each fiscal year, not otherwise appropriated by this constitution, an amount that is sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on those bonds that mature or become due during that fiscal year, less the amount in the sinking fund at the close of the prior fiscal year.

(d) The terms, conditions, provisions, and procedures for issuance and sale and management of proceeds of Texas agricultural water conservation bonds shall be provided by law.

(e) The legislature may not approve and the Texas Water Development Board may not issue and sell Texas agricultural water conservation bonds on or after the fourth anniversary of the date on which this section becomes a part of the constitution.

SECTION 4. (a) The constitutional amendment proposed by Sections 1 and 2 of this resolution shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 1985. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the issuance of an additional \$980 million of Texas Water Development Bonds, to create special water funds for water conservation, water development, water quality enhancement, flood control, drainage, subsidence control, recharge, chloride control, agricultural soil and water conservation, and desalinization, to authorize a bond insurance program, and to clarify the purposes for which Texas Water Development Bonds may be issued."

(b) The constitutional amendment proposed by Section 3 of this resolution shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 1985. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance and sale of \$200 million of Texas agricultural water conservation bonds."

Passed by the House on February 12, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 11, 1 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 6 on February 28, 1985, by a non-record vote and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.J.R. No. 6 on May 8, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 127, Nays 15, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on February 27, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 1; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.J.R. No. 6 on May 8, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Received: May 15, 1985

To be voted on: November 5, 1985

H.J.R No. 19

A Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide financing assistance for the purchase of farm and ranch land.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article III of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding Section 49-f to read as follows:

Sec. 49-f. (a) The legislature by general law may provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the state, the proceeds of which shall be used to make loans and provide other financing assistance for the purchase of farm and ranch land.

(b) All money received from the sale of the bonds shall be deposited in a fund created with the state treasurer to be known as the farm and ranch finance program fund. This fund shall be administered by the Veterans' Land Board in the manner prescribed by law.

(c) Section 65(b) of this article applies to the payment of interest on the bonds.

(d) The principal amount of bonds outstanding at one time may not exceed \$500 million.

(e) While any of the bonds authorized by this section or any interest on those bonds is outstanding and unpaid, there is appropriated out of the first money coming into the treasury in each fiscal year not otherwise appropriated by this constitution an amount that is sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds that mature or become due during the fiscal year less the amount in the interest and sinking fund at the close of the prior fiscal year.

(f) The bonds shall be approved by the attorney general and registered with the comptroller of public accounts. The bonds, when approved and registered, are general obligations of the state and are incontestable.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 1985. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide financing assistance for the purchase of farm and ranch land."

Passed by the House on May 6, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 101, Nays 37, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Received: May 30, 1985

To be voted on: November 5, 1985

H.J.R No. 27

A Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the number of precincts in Chambers County.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article V, Section 18(a), of the Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each county in the State with a population of 30,000 or more, according to the most recent federal census, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be divided into not less than four and not more than eight precincts. Each county in the State with a population of 18,000 or more but less than 30,000, according to the most recent federal census, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be divided into not less than two and not more than five precincts. Each county in the State with a population of less than 18,000, according to the most recent federal census, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be designated as a single precinct or, if the Commissioners Court determines that the county needs more than one precinct, shall be divided into not more than four precincts. *Notwithstanding the population requirements of this subsection, Chambers County, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be divided into not less than two and not more than six precincts.* A ~~The~~ division or designation under this subsection shall be made by the Commissioners Court provided for by this Constitution. In each such precinct there shall be elected one Justice of the Peace and one Constable, each of whom shall hold his office for four years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified; provided that in any precinct in which there may be a city of 18,000 or more inhabitants, there shall be elected two Justices of the Peace.

SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to the Texas Constitution:

TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) *This temporary provision applies to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 69th Legislature, Regular Session, 1985, relating to the number of precincts in Chambers County.*

(b) *The constitutional amendment takes effect January 1, 1986.*

(c) *This temporary provision takes effect on the adoption of the amendment by the voters and expires January 2, 1986.*

SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 1985. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing Chambers County to be divided into two to six precincts."

Passed by the House on March 18, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Received: May 23, 1985

To be voted on: November 5, 1985

H.J.R No. 54

A Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to enact laws permitting a city or town to spend public funds and levy assessments for the relocation or replacement of water laterals on private property.